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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Thursday, January 11, 2018
Issued: 0800 CT

Day 1 Weather Impacts:

- *Elevated fire weather across SW OK into S TX.*
- *Winter Precipitation across portions of N TX*

High Wind Watches/Advisories in effect for NM/TX into the OK Panhandle.

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Key Points



Today

- Elevated fire weather conditions expected from SW OK into S TX
- Gusty winds across NM/W TX into W OK may result in difficult driving conditions and areas of blowing dust/visibility restrictions
- Winter weather across portions of OK and N TX this afternoon/evening; little to no accumulations expected for most locations but isolated areas of extreme N-Central TX may see up to 2 inches of snow/sleet accumulation

Friday

- Strong cold front moves through the Region during this time period
 - Winter weather remains possible across parts of NE OK into AR; up to a tenth of an inch of ice and up to an inch of snow/sleet possible over NE AR.

Saturday - Monday

- Winter weather possible from portions of W & N TX into N LA & S AR; too soon to provide details on types/amounts/exact locations

FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Jan 11, 2018 through Jan 15, 2018

	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
Severe Weather					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding					
Fire Weather	SW OK into S TX				
Winter	N TX	NE AR Rest of AR			W & N TX into S AR and N LA
Winds	OK/TX/NM				
River Flooding					

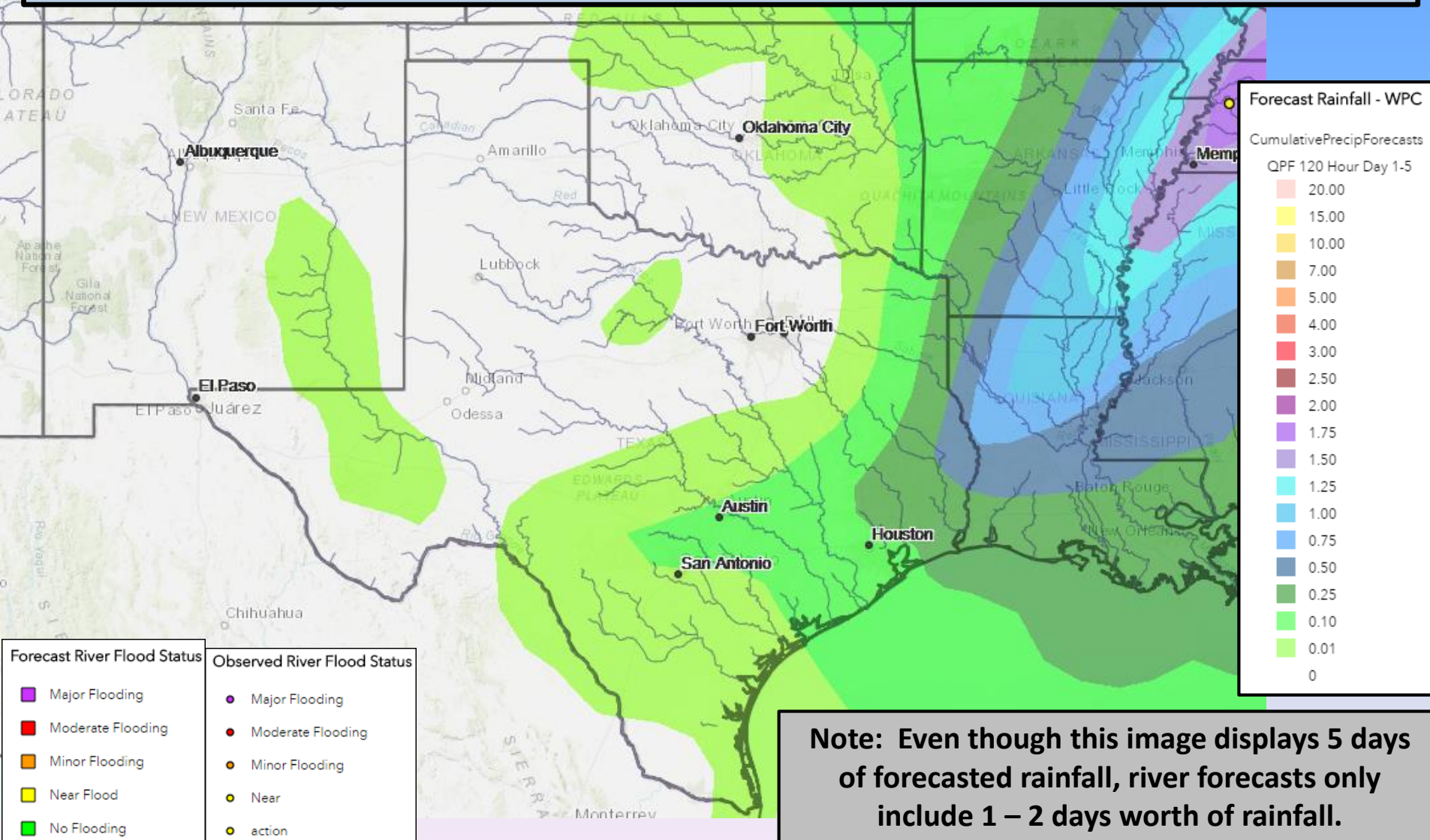
	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.



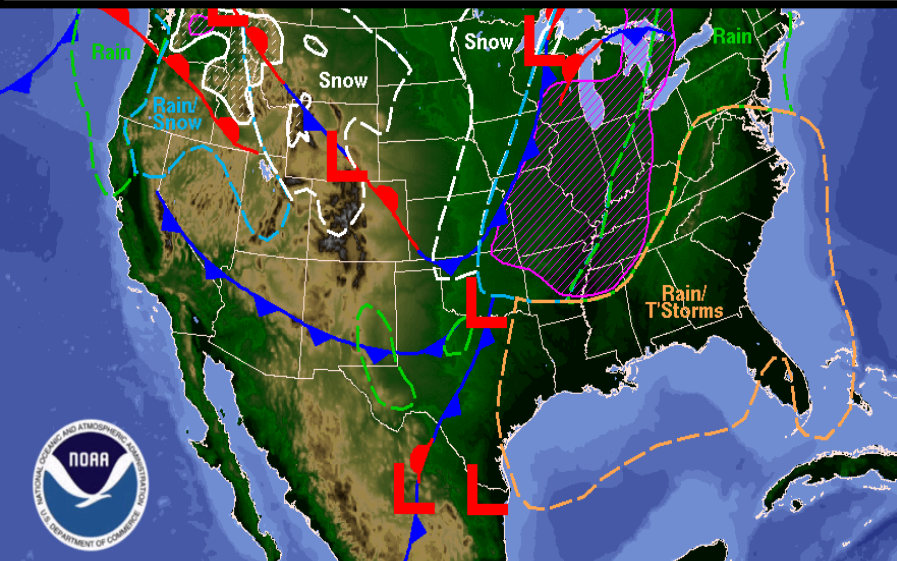
5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

River flooding is not expected in the next five days.



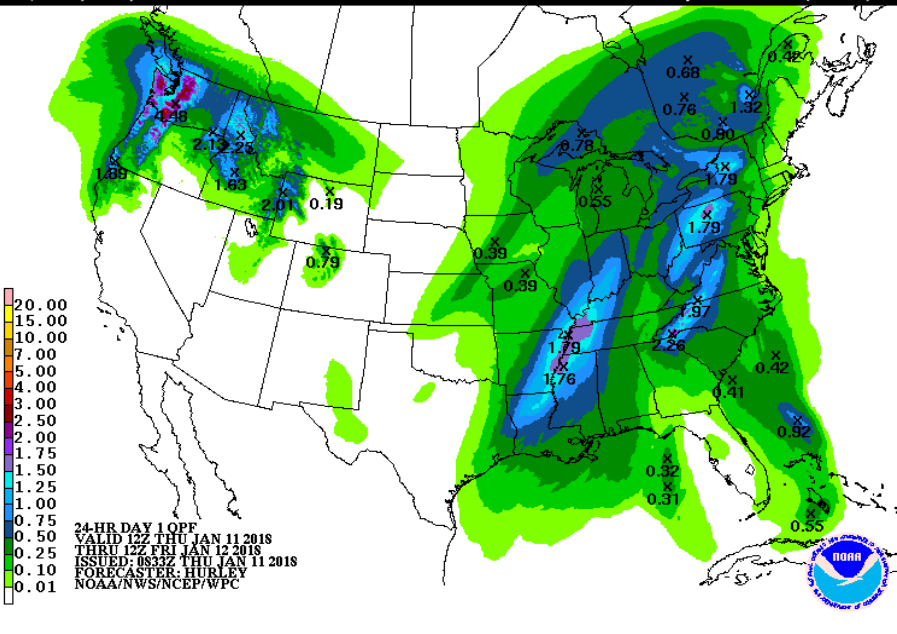
See <http://water.weather.gov/ahps> for the latest on river flooding

Today's Weather



Day 1 National Forecast Chart
Valid Thu, Jan 11, 2018, issued 5:04 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain
Rain and T'Storms
Rain and Snow
Snow
Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)
Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)
Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)
Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)



Elevated Fire Weather Conditions possible across SW OK into S TX.

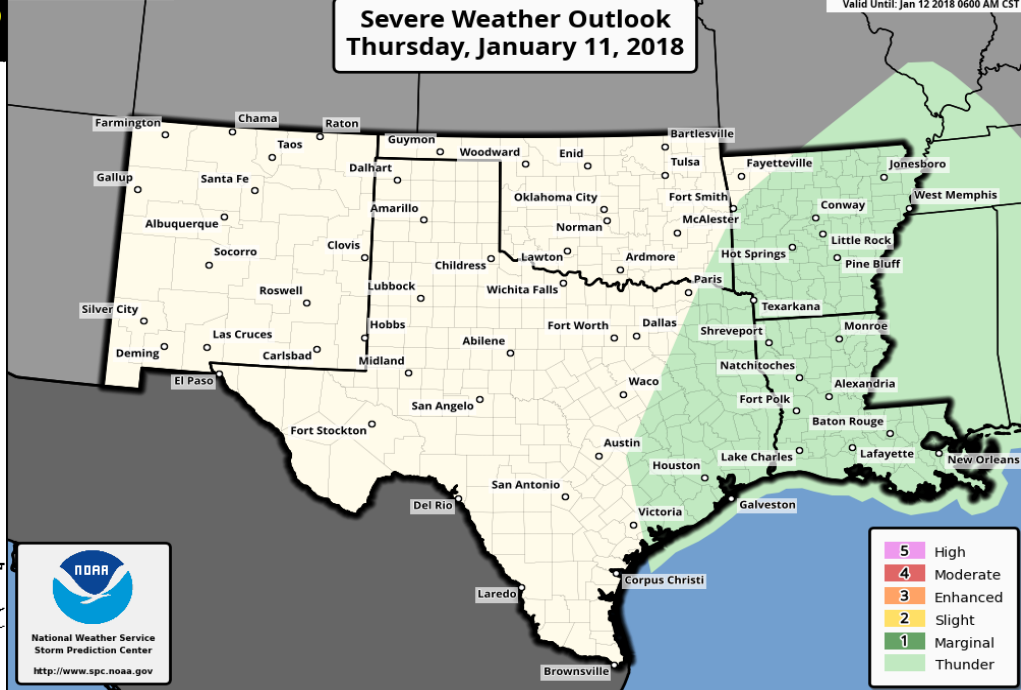
Winter weather possible across N TX in the afternoon to early evening. Little to no accumulations expected, but locations in far N Texas may see up to 2 inch accumulations.

Gusty winds across NM/W TX into W OK with areas of blowing dust/visibility restrictions.

Highlighted Area: FEMA Region 6

Severe Weather Outlook Thursday, January 11, 2018

Last Updated: Jan 10 2018 1149 PM CST
Valid Until: Jan 12 2018 0600 AM CST



Today's Weather



Much Colder Today – Some Snow Possible

National Weather Service Fort Worth – Forecast Temperatures During Late Afternoon

Some Snow/Sleet Possible

- **Temperatures:** Falling into the 30s and lower 40s this afternoon.
- **Winds:** Shifting to the north at 20-30 mph with gusts to 40 mph. Wind chills in the 20s.
- **Snowfall:** Minor accumulations between 2 pm and 8 pm in white shaded area. $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch most likely. Isolated amounts to 2". Little to no accumulation in purple shaded area.



Front location
Early afternoon

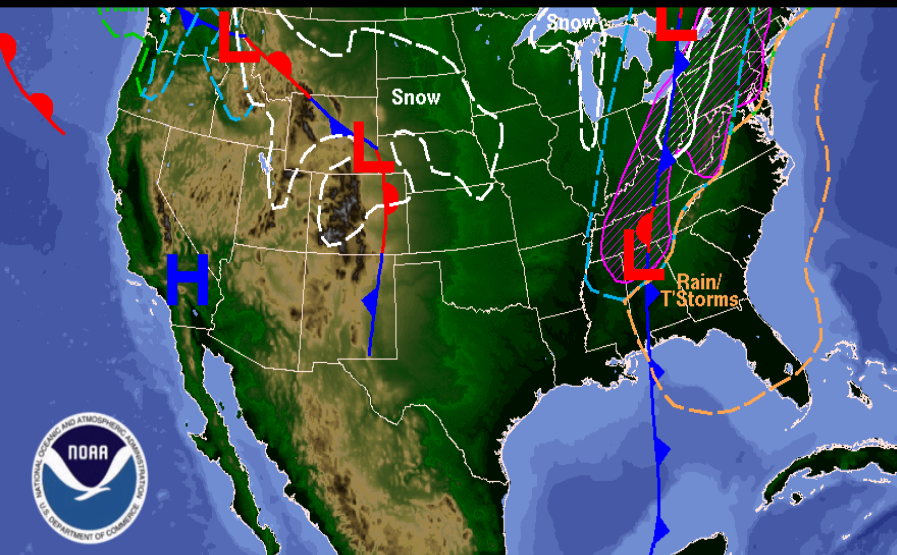


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405 AM CST
Thu Jan 11 2018
National Weather Service
Fort Worth, TX

Tomorrow's Weather

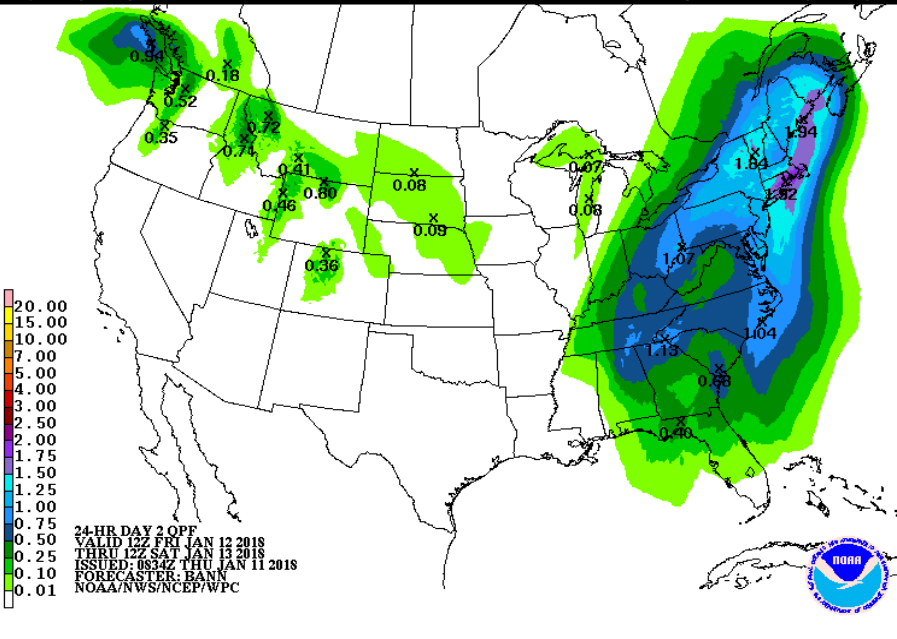


Winter weather possible across parts of AR by late Thursday/Friday morning.

Day 2 National Forecast Chart

Valid Fri, Jan 12, 2018, issued 4:56 AM EST Thu, Jan 11, 2018
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

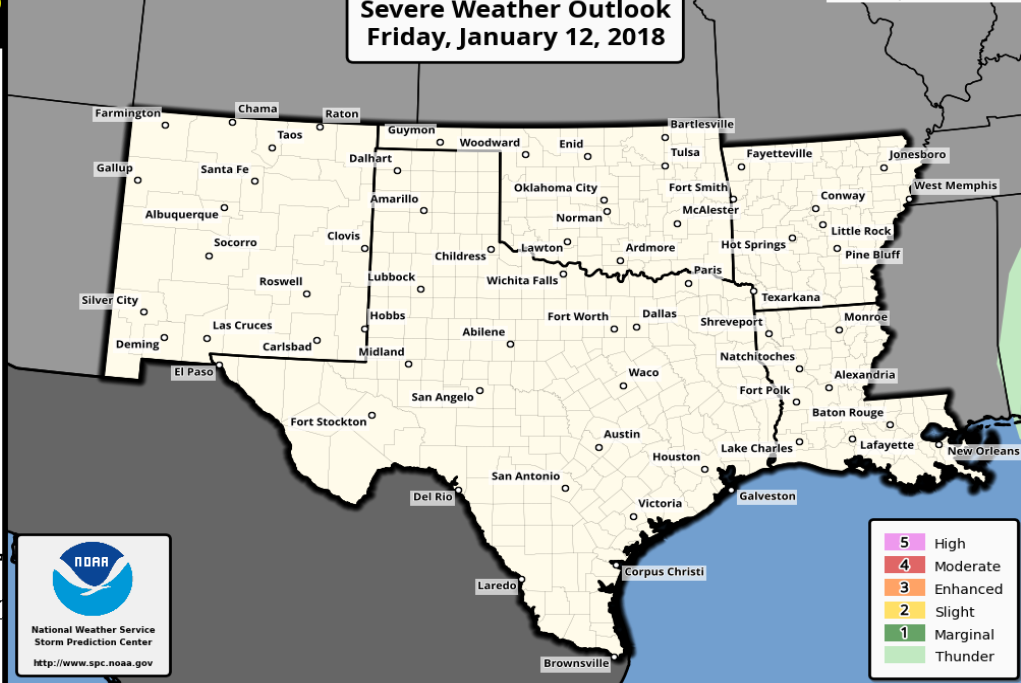
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Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)



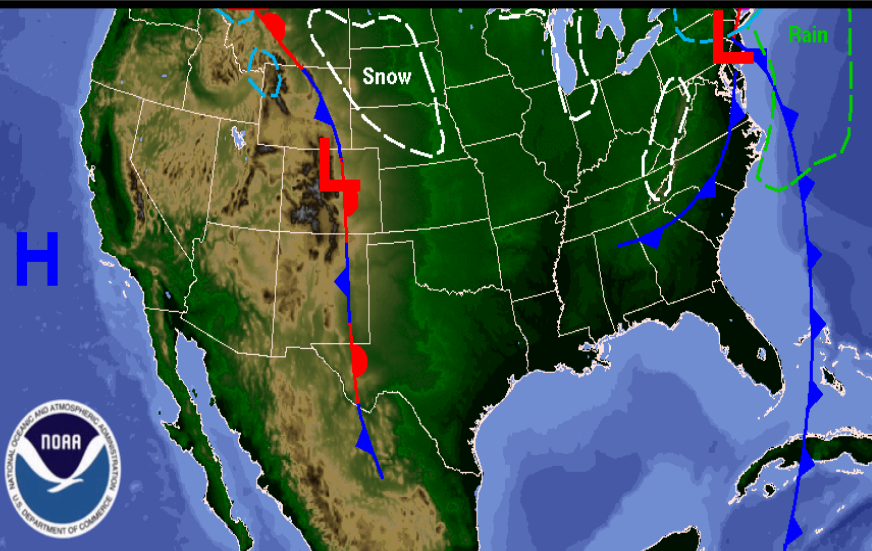
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Severe Weather Outlook Friday, January 12, 2018

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Valid Until: Jan 13 2018 0600 AM CST



Saturday's Weather

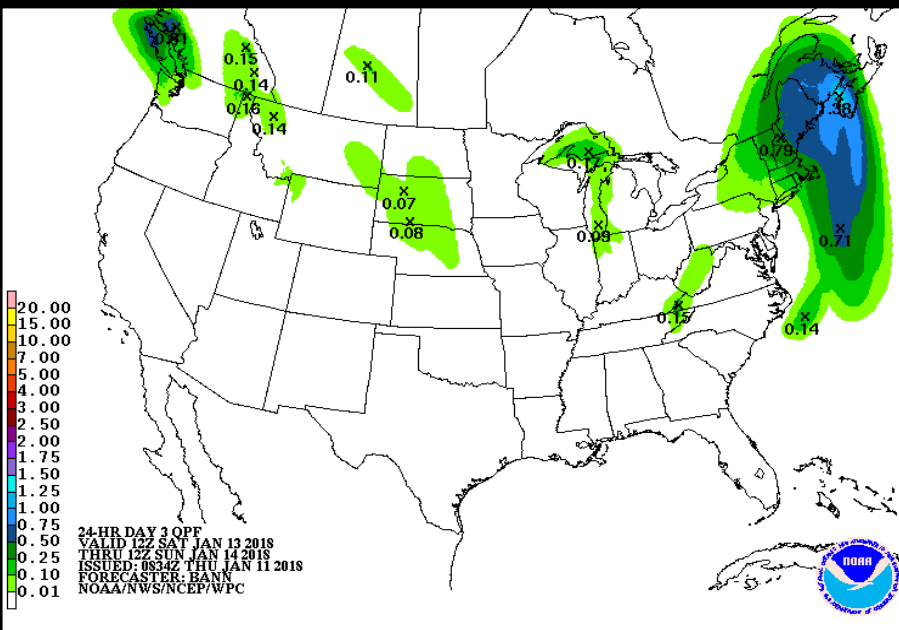


No Significant Weather Impacts Expected.

Day 3 National Forecast Chart

Valid Sat, Jan 13, 2018, issued 5:11 AM EST Thu, Jan 11, 2018
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Rain
Rain and T'Storms
Rain and Snow
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Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)
Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)
Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)
Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)



Highlighted Area: FEMA Region 6

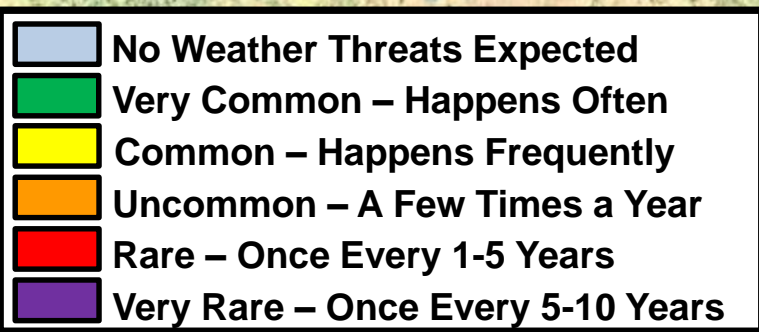
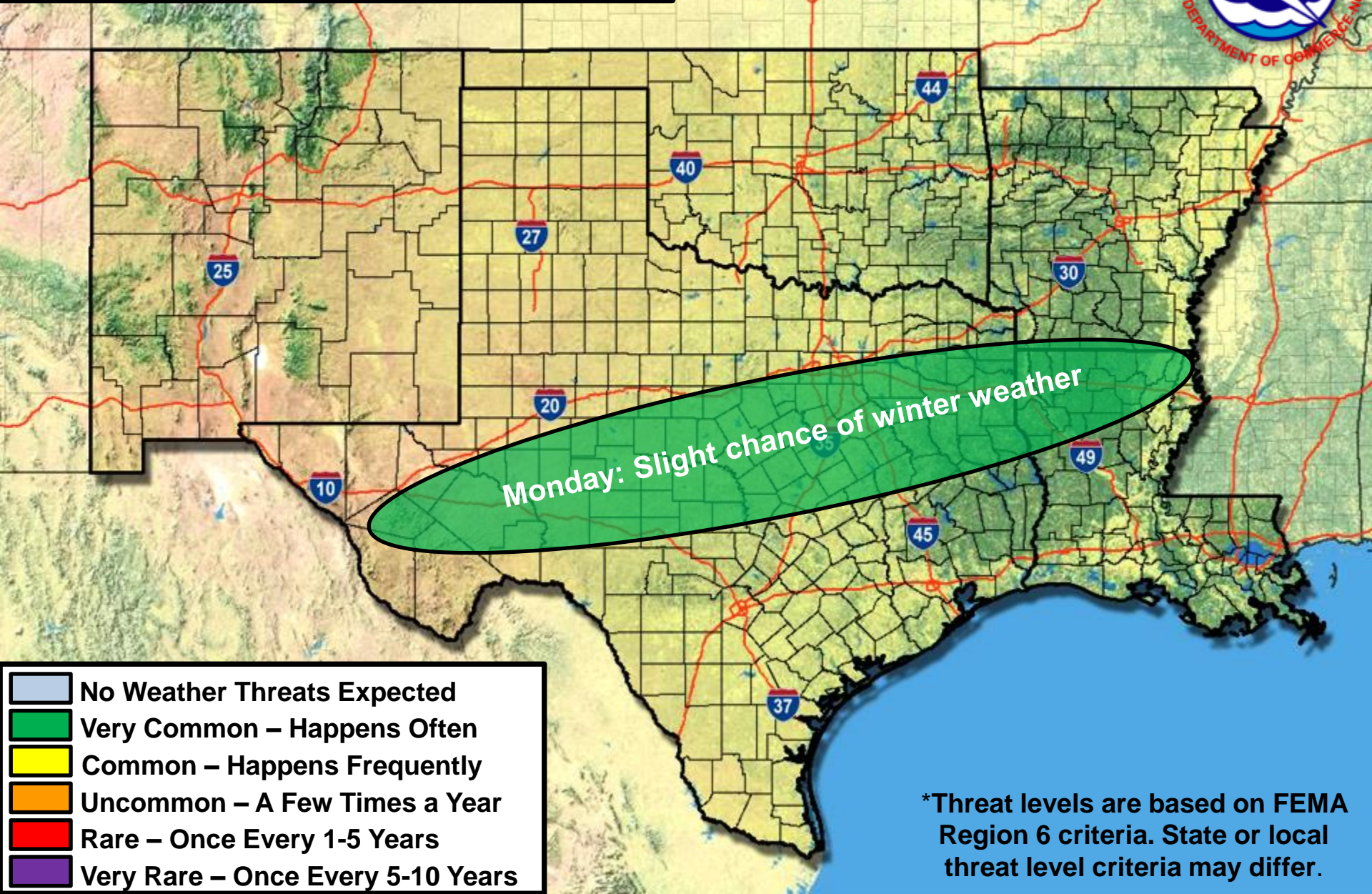
Severe Weather Outlook Saturday, January 13, 2018

Last Updated: Jan 11 2018 0217 AM CST
Valid Until: Jan 14 2018 0600 AM CST



Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

Sunday - Monday

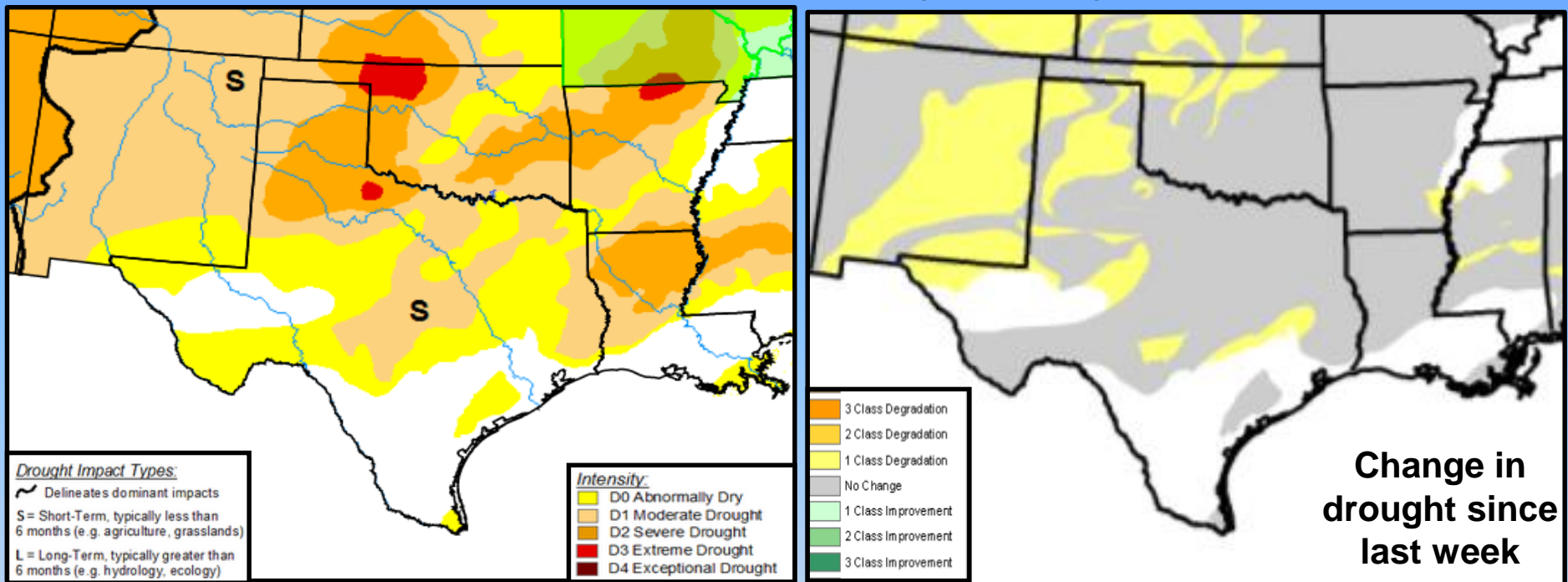


*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.



Drought Monitor Released January 11, 2018

Data valid as of 6am CST, Tuesday, January 2, 2018



Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Arkansas	2.37%	2.37%	0.00%	2.02%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Oklahoma	7.03%	0.00%	0.00%	5.66%
Texas	0.39%	0.11%	0.00%	0.14%
New Mexico	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

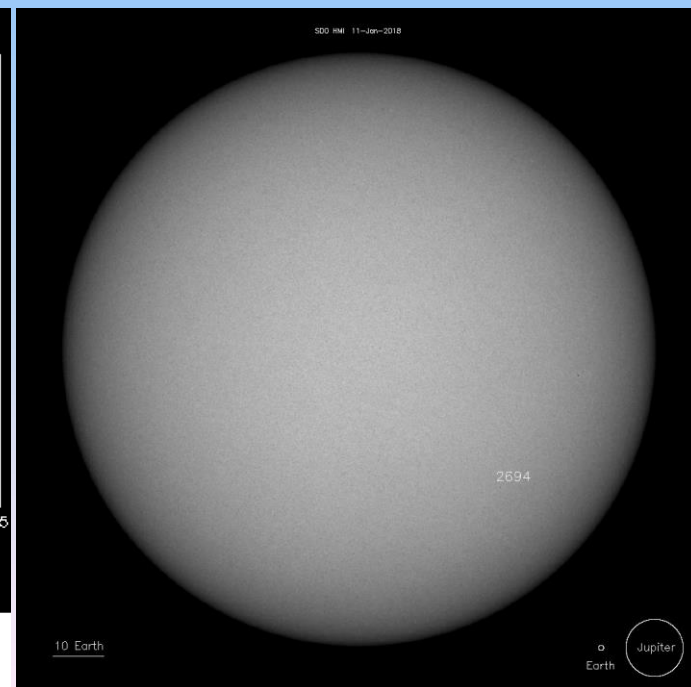
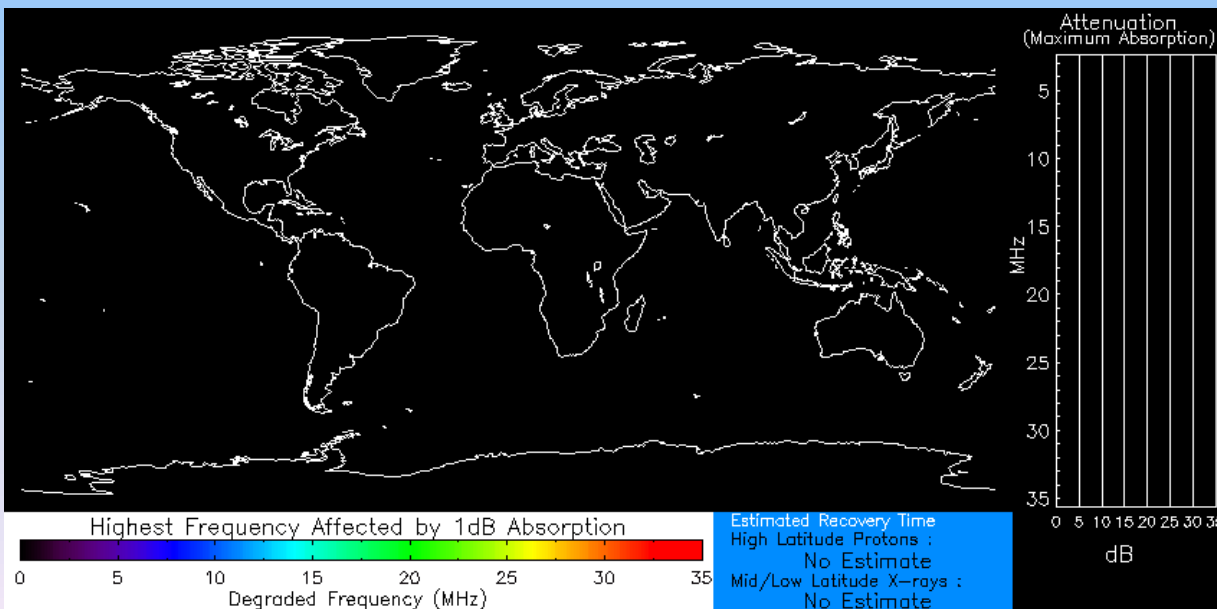
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp = 1)	Quiet (Max Kp = 4)	Quiet (Max Kp = 3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



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E-mail: sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov
Web: <http://www.weather.gov/srh> (**NEW link!!**)

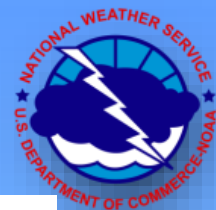
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Weather "Threat" Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms